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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,
Applicants hereby submit the following information for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants hereby submit a copy of a German Search Report issued in connection with
counterpart German Application No. 100 01 403.8. The German Search Report lists the
following documents:

WO 98/44192 as being a Category "X" document in that it is a document which, by itself,
places the novelty or the level of inventiveness in question.

DE 25 09 057 as being a Category "D" document in that it is a document which is already
named in the application. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to paragraph 0004
of the application.

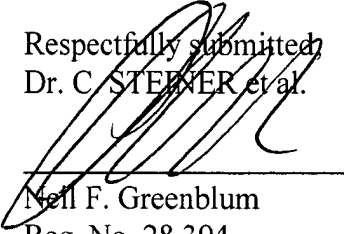
Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-
1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these

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documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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